

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections of the application are respectfully requested in view of the amendments and remarks herewith. The present After-Final Amendment is being made to facilitate prosecution of the application and does not require further search.

I. STATUS OF THE CLAIMS AND FORMAL MATTERS

Claims 1-27 are pending in this application. Claims 1, 8, 15, 16, 19 and 22, which are independent, have been amended. It is submitted that these claims, as originally presented, were in full compliance with the requirements 35 U.S.C. §112. Support for this amendment is provided throughout the Specification as originally filed. No new matter has been introduced. Changes to claims are not made for the purpose of patentability within the meaning of 35 U.S.C. §101, §102, §103, or §112. Rather, these changes are made simply for clarification and to round out the scope of protection to which Applicants are entitled.

II. REJECTIONS UNDER 35 U.S.C. §112

Claims 1-27 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph, as allegedly failing to comply with the enablement requirement. Applicants submit that the limitation, “wherein the editing device matches a phase of the second base band signal with stored codec information corresponding to cue information”, is disclosed on page 42, line 26 to page 43, line 1. Applicants. Therefore, respectfully request that the rejection under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph, be withdrawn.

III. REJECTIONS UNDER 35 U.S.C. §102(e)

Claims 1-17, 19 and 20 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as allegedly anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,991,276 to Yamamoto.

Independent claim 1, as amended, recites, *inter alia*:

“...wherein said codec information includes a moving vector, a picture type, a quantizing step size, and a quantizing level ...”

As understood by Applicants, U.S. Patent No. 5,991,276 to Yamamoto (hereinafter, merely “Yamamoto”) relates to a multi-point videoconference system that delivers voice and video information and material data to realize a more realistic teleconferencing environment.

Applicants respectfully submit that nothing has been found in Yamamoto that would teach or suggest the above-identified features of claim 1. Therefore, Applicants respectfully submit that independent claim 1 is patentable.

Amended independent claims 8, 15, 16 and 19 are also believed to be patentable for the above-recited reasons.

IV. REJECTIONS UNDER 35 U.S.C. §103(a)

Claims 18 and 21-27 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as allegedly unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 5,991,276 to Yamamoto.

Independent claim 22, as amended, recites similar features as discussed above in relation to amended claim 1. Therefore, Applicants submit that claim 22 is also patentable.

IV. DEPENDENT CLAIMS

The other claims in this application are each dependent from one of the independent claims discussed above and are therefore believed patentable for at least the same reasons. Since each dependent claim is also deemed to define an additional aspect of the invention, however, the individual reconsideration of the patentability of each on its own merits is respectfully requested.

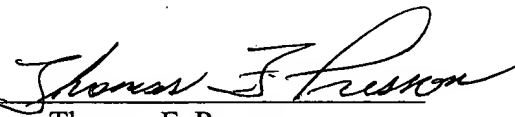
CONCLUSION

In the event the Examiner disagrees with any of statements appearing above with respect to the disclosures in the cited references, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner specifically indicate those portions of the reference, or references, providing the basis for a contrary view.

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Applicants submit that this After-Final Amendment does not require further search and that all of the claims are in condition for allowance. Applicants respectfully request entry of this After-Final Amendment and early passage to issue of the present application.

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